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The Ninth General Assembly of the General Society of Colonial Wars met at the Country Club at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, June 3rd, 1921.

The Governor General took the Chair and called the meeting to order at two o'clock in the afternoon.

In the absence of the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Frederick Dwight, of New York, was unanimously chosen Secretary General pro tem.

The call for the meeting was read by the Secretary General pro tem.

In the absence of the Chaplain General the Rev. Lewis Brown, Ph.D., Chaplain of the Indiana Society, offered a prayer.

The Roll was then called and showed the following Officers and Delegates present:

General Officers:

Col. Wm. Whitehead Ladd, Governor General.

Captain Howland Pell, Honorary Governor General.

Professor Arthur Adams, Registrar General.

Deputy Governors General:

Major Henry Gansevoort Sanford, for New York.

Hon. S. Davis Page, for Pennsylvania.

Walter Kendall Watkins, for Massachusetts.

Charles T. Greve, for Ohio.

Allen L. Colton, for Michigan.

Delegates:

New York

Col. Thatcher T. P. Luquer.

Frederick Dwight.

Pennsylvania

Edward S. Sayres.
Henry R. Hatfield.
F. King Wainwright.

Massachusetts

Arthur Emmons Pearson.

District of Columbia

Samuel Herrick.

New Jersey

Robert Munro Boyd, Jr.
John B. Wight.
Isaac N. Loughead.

Missouri

George T. Parker.
Thomas Lovell Pratt.
Dr. Edward M. Shepard.

Ohio

William Gwinn Mather
Michael Myers Shoemaker
William Pendleton Palmer
Robert Ralston Jones
John McGrath

Kentucky

R. C. Ballard Thruston.
J. Adger Stewart.

Georgia

Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr.

Michigan

George Harrison Barbour.

Indiana

Rev. Lewis Brown.
William O. Bates.

By unanimous consent the privileges of the floor were given to Governor Wm. R. Sanders and Lieutenant Governor Charles Lewis of the Ohio Society; to Thomas Kite, Robert P. Hargitt and Charles Wilkins Short, former Governors of that Society; to Captain Cameron H. Sanders, its Secretary, and Jackson W. Sparrow, its Registrar.

The Secretary General pro tem. presented the printed minutes of the Eighth General Assembly, held at Philadelphia, Pa., on June 14th and 15th, 1918, and stated that they had been distributed to the General Officers and Secretaries of State Societies, and on motion, they were approved as printed and the reading of the same was dispensed with.

The Governor General announced the death, in December, 1920, of the Reverend Charles Lewis Hutchins, D.D., of Massachusetts, who served as Chaplain General from 1915 to 1918, and of Mr. Fritz Herman Jordan, a Charter Member of the Maine Society and for twelve years its Deputy Governor General, and stated that the General Council had entered appropriate minutes on its records. The announcement was received by the General Assembly standing and in silence.

The report of the Secretary General was read. He called attention to the fact that the relations between the State Societies and the General Society had felt the effects of the disorganization resulting from the World War, especially in the matter of making Annual Reports and supplying information as to strength in membership and the names of State Officers. He gave the membership of the State Societies on June 1, 1921, as 3,353, against 3,050 in 1915; no figures for 1918 being available. He expressed his appreciation of the able manner in which the duties of his office had been administered during his absence in service in the United States Army by the Deputy Secretary General Ed-

mund Howard-Martin. On motion the report was accepted and ordered filed.

The report of the Treasurer General, dated May 15, 1921, was read, showing on that date a balance in cash of \$2,266.50 in the General Fund and a balance of \$13.32 in cash and \$6,000 in 4½ per cent. Second Liberty Loan Bonds at par in the Permanent Fund. On motion, the report was accepted and ordered filed.

The report of the Registrar General was read and in it he stated:

"Since the report of 1918 there have been admitted into the Society 456 new members; the number reported during the triennium 1915-1918 was 507; the number during the three years preceding that was 561. So making allowance for the unsettled state of things during the war we can hardly escape the unpleasant conviction that there has been a loss of interest in our Society on the part of its members and a general slackening of enthusiasm and activity. This state of things is one to give us all concern, and it may be hoped that one result of this General Assembly will be a quickening of interest and activity.

"During the period from June 15, 1918, to June 3, 1921, 1,088 supplementary papers have been filed; this number contrasts unfavorably with the 2,630 filed during the preceding three years' period. Again we have an indication of a lack of interest.

"Further, no papers have been filed by the Societies in the States of Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Washington, and Wisconsin; obviously we are confronted with a situation that demands our serious consideration and best efforts."

The table accompanying the report shows that between June, 1918, and June, 1921, the Registrar General received and turned over to the Treasurer General money as follows: Registration Fee Account, \$1,025; Diploma Fee Account,

collected \$232.25, with previous balance of \$25, and remitted \$236, leaving a balance of \$21.25; Application Blank Account, collected \$152.75, with previous balance \$30.50, and remitted \$175, leaving balance of \$8.25.

On motion seconded the report was accepted and ordered filed.

After discussion, on motion of Colonel Luquer duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, the regular order of business being suspended by unanimous consent:

Whereas, The report of the Registrar General indicates a decrease in the growth of the Society, *Therefore, Be It*

Resolved, That these facts be brought to the attention of the State Societies and that they be urged to extend their membership, particularly by electing sons and grandsons of members who may in most cases be accepted in excess of a limit of membership.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, consisting of Deputy Governor General Colton, of Michigan, as Chairman, and the Registrar General and Secretary General, by its Chairman, presented the Constitution in an amended form with a report stating that the Committee had been appointed in 1915; that it had considered the Constitution with a view to greater explicitness of statement in some instances, to a more felicitous phraseology in other places, and as to the desirability of various suggested changes; that it had reported to the General Council in 1916, 1918, 1919, and finally on December 22, 1920, when the General Council approved the Constitution presented to it after discussion in detail and directed that it be submitted to the State Societies for action at this General Assembly, and that under date of March 1, 1921, printed copies of the Constitution as so approved had been sent to all State Societies by the Secretary General with notice that it would be presented at this time to be voted upon at this General Assembly. The report further stated that the Committee had considered the ques-

tion of the desirability of amending the Constitution so as to create a membership at large which had been presented to the General Council at its meeting on December 22, 1920, and referred to the Committee. The Committee disapproved of the measure suggested as tending to disintegrate the State Societies which from the beginning have been held to be the fundamental units of our organization. The report of the Committee was, on motion, accepted and its recommendation adverse to the creation of a membership at large was adopted.

Attention was called to the fact that the date of holding this General Assembly as given in the Secretary General's notice attached to the amendments to the Constitution did not entirely agree with the date as given in the Call therefor issued by the Governor General and sent out by him to all State Societies prior to the sending of the Secretary General's notice. On motion of Deputy Governor General Watkins, duly seconded, it was unanimously

Resolved, That due and sufficient notice had been given pursuant to the Constitution now in force, that the amended Constitution presented by the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution would be now voted on, and that the consideration thereof should be proceeded with.

Col. Luquer, of New York, stated that by direction of the New York Society's Council he desired to present amendments to some parts of the proposed Constitution, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that the proposed Constitution should be considered as printed section by section, subject to amendments to be presented as each section was reached.

When the preamble was taken up, on motion of Mr. Colton, the word "and" in the expression "memorials relating to the

American Colonial period *and* to inspire its members" in the last paragraph of the last sentence was stricken out, making the paragraph read "to hold suitable commemorations and to erect memorials relating to the American Colonial period, to inspire in its members the fraternal and patriotic spirit of their forefathers and to inspire in the community respect and reverence for those whose public services made our freedom and unity possible."

No amendment to the first Article was offered.

Col. Luquer moved to amend the second Article by changing the paragraph reading "Membership in the Society shall not be held completed until the application papers relating thereto have been approved by the Registrar General" so as to read, "In the case of applications based on ancestors whose qualifications have not previously been accepted, membership in the Society shall not be completed until such applications have been approved by the Registrar General."

After discussion Colonel Luquer's motion was put and lost.

No amendments were offered to the Third Article.

Colonel Luquer moved to amend the Fourth Article by changing the paragraph reading "Vacancies occurring by death or resignation may be filled temporarily by the Governor General and by the General Council for the unexpired term," so as to read "Vacancies occurring by death or resignation, other than in the office of Deputy Governor General, may be filled for the unexpired term by the General Council or temporarily by the Governor General until a meeting of the General Council."

The proposed amendment was accepted by Mr. Colton and unanimously agreed to.

No amendment was offered to the Fifth Article.

Col. Luquer moved to amend the Sixth Article by reducing the per capita amount of payment from "fifty cents" as

therein provided to "twenty-five cents." After discussion the motion was lost.

Col. Luquer moved to amend the Seventh Article by adding at the end thereof the words "A meeting of the General Council or of a Committee properly appointed shall be called by the Governor General within one month after receipt of an appeal from a decision of the Registrar General." The amendment was accepted by Mr. Colton and unanimously agreed to.

No amendment was offered to the Eighth or Ninth Articles.

Col. Luquer moved to amend the Tenth Article by inserting in the fourth sentence the word "shall" instead of "may" and this was accepted by Mr. Colton, and it was unanimously agreed to make that sentence read "He shall be custodian of the dies of the Insignia and of the plate of the Certificate of Membership and shall issue the insignia, certificates, and rosettes, when properly requisitioned."

Col. Luquer moved to amend the Eleventh Article so that the first sentence should read, "Each State Society shall file with the Registrar General a duplicate original of each application for membership received and approved by it and of each approved supplemental application." This was accepted by Mr. Colton and unanimously agreed to.

No amendment was offered to the Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth or Twentieth Articles.

Col. Luquer moved to amend the Twenty-First Article by making the second sentence read as originally written: "No State Society shall elect to membership persons resident within the territory of another State Society except upon written consent given in advance by the Council of the latter."

This was accepted by Mr. Colton and unanimously agreed to.

No amendment was offered to the Twenty-Second Article.

The amended Constitution under consideration as altered and amended as herein recorded was thereupon on motion duly made and seconded, adopted as a whole by the votes of more than two-thirds of the members of the General Assembly present when the vote was taken, all present voting in the affirmative, except two, who voted in the negative.

The Constitution, as so adopted, is set out in Appendix A hereto, which is a part of this record.

The report of the Committee on War Service and the issue of Insignia and Certificates therefor consisting of the Governor General, Treasurer General, and Deputy Secretary General was read.

The report set out the resolution of the General Council adopted June 14, 1919, providing for bronze insignia for members who served in the Army or Navy of the United States in the World War as officers or enlisted men, and a Certificate for those who rendered service to the Government in a civilian capacity during the same period; the sending out under date of June 24, 1919, by the Chairman of the Committee to all State Societies of a circular containing a copy of such resolution and a request for estimates of the number of members probably qualified; the sending out in September, 1919, to all State Societies by the Committee on Roster of War Service of a circular and blank forms for recording Military and Civilian services; the return of such blanks to the Committee; the examination of the returns and notification to State Societies of the Committee's action in each case with a summarized record of service; the number of records examined exceeding 1,100 in all; of the Insignia, 536 had been ordered and 600 Certificates had been obtained; 494 members received Insignia and 557 Certificates had been issued; the Chairman of the Com-

mittee, upon the request of the State Societies, attended the Court at which the presentation was made in the States of Rhode Island, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut. The expenditures of the Committee consisted of cost of Insignia and Certificates, folders and boxes for mailing, engrossing, printing, typewriting, postage and expressage, and aggregated \$4,886.78 of paid bills with unpaid items of \$651.71, making a total of \$5,538.49. No. 1 of the Insignia was deposited with the National Museum at Washington, D. C., with a Certificate; No. 2 was deposited with the American Numismatic Society, New York City; and No. 3 was deposited with the State Library at Hartford, Connecticut.

On motion of Deputy Governor General Watkins, duly seconded, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be accepted with the thanks of the Assembly to its members; that its expenditures paid be approved and that those outstanding be paid on certification by its Chairman, with the expenses incidental to the distribution of Insignia and Certificates in its custody.

It was moved and seconded that the requirement of a receipt for War Service Insignia be not adhered to and that the action of the General Council authorizing and directing this to be done be rescinded. This motion was lost on a rising vote by a large majority.

The report of the Committee on Roster of War Service of Members consisting of the Registrar General, Secretary General, and Treasurer General was read. The report stated that the records of war service of members passed on by the Committee on War Service and Insignia and Certificates had been received from that Committee; that it was hoped to publish the volume of records in the early fall; and

information was asked as to whether it should be distributed gratuitously or sold by subscription.

The report was, on motion duly seconded, accepted and ordered on file, and after discussion, in which attention was called to the fact that the resolution authorizing the issue of the Roster provided for its being printed at the cost of this Society, it was, on motion, duly made and seconded:

Resolved, That the printing and form of binding of the Roster of War Service be left with power to the Committee.

The report of the Committee on General Register and Index of Ancestors, consisting of the Registrar General, the Secretary General, and the Vice Governor General, was read.

The report stated that the work of compiling the data had been completed in the late spring; that estimates of the cost of printing had been obtained and a circular sent to all State Societies to ascertain how many copies would be taken under the conditions stated; that every effort would be made to keep the price of the book as low as possible; and that it should be ready for distribution in the early autumn.

On motion duly seconded, the report of the Committee was accepted.

The report of the Committee to hear appeals in cases of ancestors the sufficiency of whose services had been questioned by the Registrar General, consisting of the Governor General, Colonel Luquer and Alfred C. Prime, of the Pennsylvania Society, was read.

The report set out the resolution adopted by the General Council, December 22, 1920, authorizing the Committee to consider and decide all questions as to eligibility of ancestors presented to the Council by the Registrar General at the request of the Committee on Index of Ancestors; that notice of this resolution and of the existence of the Committee with opportunity to present appeals had been sent

to all State Societies; and that all appeals filed had been considered and disposed of; that the Registrar General and other members of the Committee on Index of Ancestors had attended the public hearings held by the Committee. The report was accompanied by a list of the rulings made in the cases heard and decided by the Committee, and by "Rules regulating the proof of Eligibility and Descent and Interpretations of the Membership Section of the Constitution," eleven in number, embodying the results of their investigation and consideration.

On motion of Deputy Governor General Page, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be accepted and filed with thanks to its members.

Mr. Thruston moved that the "Rules" recommended by the Committee be adopted and this was seconded.

Deputy Governor General Watkins moved and it was duly seconded that the rule as to the insufficiency as proof of titles in town and probate records, on tombstones, etc., be omitted or stricken out. This motion was lost; then Mr. Thruston's motion was carried and the "Rules" adopted as presented, and as printed in Appendix B hereto which is a part of this record.

Deputy Governor General Sanford moved that the Governor General be authorized to appoint a Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at this meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the General Assembly, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, took a recess to reconvene at the Hotel Sinton, in the City of Cincinnati, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of the next day.

June 4, 1921.

The General Assembly reconvened on June 4, 1921, at the Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati.

The Governor General took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 11:50 o'clock in the forenoon.

The roll was called and showed the same General Officers, Deputy Governors General and Delegates present as on the preceding day, with the exception of the Honorary Governor General, who entered later, and Mr. George Harrison Barbour, of Michigan, who was absent. Mr. Edmund F. Trabue, a delegate from Kentucky, and Mr. William O. Bates, a delegate from Indiana, were present.

The Governor General stated that he had appointed as the Committee on Nominations: Deputy Governor General Sanford, of New York; Edward S. Sayres, of Pennsylvania; Robert M. Boyd, Jr., of New Jersey; Robert Ralston Jones, of Ohio; Arthur E. Pearson, of Massachusetts; and Clarence G. Anderson, Jr., of Georgia, and had filed his appointment with the Secretary General pro tem. yesterday after recess was taken.

The Committee on Legal Questions presented by publication of Lines of Descent consisting of the Chancellor General and Deputy Governors General Page and Stickney presented a report of progress, which, on motion duly seconded, was accepted.

The Committee to consider the proposition of the New Jersey Society for abstracting, circulating, and publishing lineage records, consisting of Captain Griffin and Professor Adams, reported progress orally through the latter, and the report was accepted.

The roll of State Societies was then called in the order of their admission to this Society for the presentation of reports:

New York's report was read by

Deputy Governor General Sanford.

Pennsylvania's report was read by

Deputy Governor General Page.

Massachusetts reported orally by
Deputy Governor General Watkins.

Connecticut's report was read by the
Secretary General pro tem.

District of Columbia's report was read by
Samuel Herrick.

New Jersey's report was made orally by
Robert Munro Boyd, Jr.

Missouri's report was made orally by
George T. Parker.

Ohio's report was read by
Deputy Governor General Greve.

Kentucky's report was read by
R. C. Ballard Thruston.

California's report was presented by the
Governor General.

Georgia's report was read by
Clarence Gordon Anderson, Jr.

Michigan's report was made orally by
Deputy Governor General Colton.

Maine's report was read by the
Secretary General pro tem.

Indiana's report was made orally by
William O. Bates.

The foregoing reports and such as might subsequently be received were on motion duly seconded, accepted, and ordered filed.

Mr. Pearson spoke of the work done by the Valley Forge Historical Society in the erection of the Washington Memorial Chapel and other buildings and of its plans to erect Halls of History of which one should represent the Colonial period

and moved the following resolution, which was seconded:

Resolved, That the Governor General be authorized to investigate within the next three months the advisability of appointing a Committee consisting of the Governor General and the Deputy Governors General and such other persons as he may designate or a Committee constituted in any other such manner as he may regard as advisable, to consider and report upon the plans of the Valley Forge Historical Society for the erection of buildings and especially of one representing the Colonial period and the participation of this Society therein.

After discussion the motion was adopted. !

Mr. Herrick called attention to the fact that while in some State Societies the Deputy Governor General was a member of the Council this was not the case in all, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the General Assembly recommends to all State Societies that the Deputy Governor General be made a member of their respective Councils, there being nothing inconsistent in the holding of the two offices.

The roll of State Societies was then called in the order of their admission to this Society for the presentation for confirmation of appointments of Deputy Governors General, and the following were named for their respective states:

New York—Major Henry Gansevoort Sanford;

Pennsylvania—Hon. S. Davis Page;

Massachusetts—Walter Kendall Watkins;

Maryland—John Appleton Wilson;

District of Columbia—Marcus Benjamin;

New Jersey—Hon. Charles W. Parker;

Missouri—Hon. John Barber White;

Ohio—William Reynale Sanders;

Kentucky—George Twyman Wood;

California—Frank Hervey Pettingell;

Georgia—John Avery Gere Carson;

Michigan—Allen L. Colton;

Indiana—Alexander Hamilton.

On motion made and seconded all of the foregoing nominations were confirmed.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by its Chairman Deputy Governor General Sanford, presenting the following nominations for General Officers, to be elected at this meeting:

For Governor—Col. William Whitehead Ladd, of New York;

For Vice Governor General—William Macpherson Hornor, of Pennsylvania;

For Secretary General—Walter Geer, of New York;

For Deputy Secretary General—Alfred Coxe Prime, of Pennsylvania;

For Treasurer General—John Brewer Wight, of New Jersey;

For Deputy Treasurer General—George T. Parker, of Missouri;

For Registrar General—Professor Arthur Adams, of New Jersey;

For Historian General—Frank Hervey Pettingell, of California;

For Chaplain General—Right Reverend William Andrew Leonard, of Ohio;

For Chancellor General—Hon. Henry Stockbridge, of Maryland;

For Surgeon General—Charles Montraville Green, M.D., of Massachusetts.

On motion of Deputy Governor General Page, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the report of the Committee was accepted and the Secretary General pro tem. was directed to cast one ballot for the persons reported by the Nominating

Committee for their respective offices for the ensuing term; this the Secretary General pro tem. did and so reported, and the officers named in the Committee's report were declared duly elected for the constitutional term.

The Governor General expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred on him and his desire to advance in every way the Society's interests, and he asked the active and continued assistance of all members to that end.

The Governor General presented and read an invitation from the State of California to hold the next General Assembly in that State. Mr. Parker presented an invitation to hold the next meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, and Deputy Governor General Watkins, of Massachusetts, extended an invitation for a meeting in that State.

On motion of Mr. Sayres, duly seconded and carried, it was

Resolved, That courteous acknowledgment be made of the invitations from the States of California, Missouri, and Massachusetts, and that they be referred to the General Council.

On motion of Colonel Luquer, seconded by Deputy Governor General Watkins, and by a unanimous and rising vote, the sincere thanks and appreciation of the General Assembly were extended to the Ohio Society for the many courtesies and attentions shown to the members of the Assembly and for the delightful time all had enjoyed.

On motion of Mr. Sayers, duly seconded, and by a unanimous vote, the thanks of the General Assembly were extended to the Cincinnati Inquirer, the Cincinnati Times Star, and the Cincinnati Post for their services.

On motion of Deputy Governor General Page, duly seconded, and by a unanimous vote, the thanks of the General Assembly were given to Mr. Frederick Dwight for the able

and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary General pro tem.

On motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried the minutes of this meeting were ordered printed and distributed and the expense thereof was directed to be paid by the Treasurer General.

In the absence of the Chaplain General prayer was offered by the Reverend Lewis Brown, Ph.D., Chaplain of the Indiana Society.

On motion duly seconded and carried the General Assembly adjourned.

FREDERICK DWIGHT,
Secretary General Pro Tem.

SCHEDULE A. CONSTITUTION

As amended and adopted and in force June 3, 1921.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, It is desirable that there should be adequate celebrations commemorative of the events of Colonial History which took place within the period beginning with the settlement of Jamestown, Va., May 13, 1607, and preceding the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775;

Therefore, The Society of Colonial Wars is instituted to perpetuate the memory of those events, and of the men who, in military, naval, and civil positions of high trust and responsibility, by their acts or counsel, assisted in the establishment, defence, and preservation of the American Colonies, and who were in truth founders of this Nation. To this end, it seeks to collect and preserve manuscripts, rolls, relics, and records; to hold suitable commemorations, and to erect memorials relating to the American Colonial period; to inspire in its members the fraternal and patriotic spirit of their forefathers, and to inspire in the community respect and reverence for those whose public services made our freedom and unity possible.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The Society shall be known by the name and title of the General Society of Colonial Wars.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any male person above the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character and reputation, shall be eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars, provided he be lineally descended in the male or female line from an ancestor:

(1) Who served as a military or naval officer, or as a soldier, sailor, or marine, or as a privateersman, under authority of any of the Colonies which afterward formed the United States, or in the forces of Great Britain which participated with those of the said Colonies in

any wars in which the said Colonies were engaged, or in which they enrolled men, during the period from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13, 1607, to the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775; or

(2) Who held office in any of the Colonies between the dates above mentioned, as

(a) Director General, Vice-Director General, or member of the Council, or legislative body, in the Colony of the New Netherland;

(b) Governor, Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, Lord Proprietor, member of the King's or Governor's Council, or of the legislative body, in the Colony of New York, the Jerseys, Virginia, Pennsylvania, or Delaware;

(c) Lord Proprietor, Governor, Deputy Governor, or member of the Council, or of the legislative body, in Maryland, the Carolinas, or Georgia;

(d) Governor, Deputy Governor, Governor's Assistant, or Commissioner to the United Colonies of New England, or member of the Council, body of Assistants, or legislative body, in any of the New England Colonies.

One collateral representative of a qualifying ancestor shall be eligible for membership, provided there be no lineal descendant, and provided that such person be the oldest collateral representative in the male line of this ancestor, or has filed with the Secretary General of the Society written renunciations from all persons having prior claim to consideration.

No State Society shall adopt any rule of eligibility for membership other than that prescribed in this Article.

Membership in the Society shall not be held completed until the application papers relating thereto have been approved by the Registrar General.

ARTICLE III.

GENERAL SOCIETY.

The General Society of Colonial Wars shall consist of the Societies now existing in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, and such other State Societies as may from time to time be duly organized and authorized by the General Society.

Wherever the word "State" occurs in this Constitution it shall be held to include within its meaning the Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the General Society of Colonial Wars shall be: A Governor General, a Vice-Governor General, a Deputy Governor General for each State Society, a Secretary General, a Deputy Secretary General, a Treasurer General, a Deputy Treasurer General, a Registrar General, an Historian General, a Chaplain General, a Chancellor General, and a Surgeon General. With the exception of the Deputy Governors General, the above officers shall be elected by a plurality vote of the delegates present at a General Assembly of the Society. Vacancies occurring by death or resignation, other than in the office of Deputy Governor General, may be filled for the unexpired term by the General Council, or temporarily by the Governor General, until a meeting of the General Council.

Each State Society may appoint its Deputy Governor General in such manner as it may determine, subject to confirmation as herein-after provided. The appointment shall be presented for confirmation to the ensuing General Assembly by the delegates from the State Society or by letter to the Secretary General. If no designation of a Deputy Governor General be made at a meeting of the General Assembly, or if a vacancy occur in the office of Deputy Governor General, the office may be filled by appointment by the State Society as hereinbefore provided. On filing with the Secretary General notice of the appointment, it shall become operative if and when approved by the Governor General and the Secretary General. Deputy Governors General shall hold office until the next ensuing meeting of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

A General Assembly of the General Society shall be held every three years, at such time and place as the preceding General Assembly shall appoint, or authorize to be appointed.

Special General Assemblies may be held upon the order of the Governor General, or upon the call of the Secretary General, issued at the request of the Governors of three State Societies, or at the written request of five Deputy Governors General.

General Assemblies shall be composed of the members of the General Council and of five delegates from each State Society, chosen by its Council, or in such manner as may be prescribed by the respective

State Societies. Vacancies arising in a State delegation may be filled for the unexpired term by the Council of the State Society concerned, or in a manner authorized by that Council.

The term of service of the delegates shall be three years and until their successors be chosen.

Delegates or General Officers representing seven State Societies shall constitute a quorum of the General Assembly for the transaction of business; the proceedings shall be in accordance with parliamentary law; and only the votes of those present shall be counted.

The order of business shall be:

1. The calling of the General Assembly to order by the Governor General, Vice-Governor General, or in their absence by the Secretary General.
2. Prayer by the Chaplain General.
3. Reading of Minutes of the preceding General Assembly.
4. Report from the Secretary General.
5. Report from the Treasurer General.
6. Reports from Committees and Officers.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Reports from State Societies.
10. Election of Officers.
11. Benediction by the Chaplain General.
12. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VI. STATE SOCIETIES.

Each State Society shall annually transmit to the Secretary General a report giving the number of its members, general matters of interest, and any suggestions which may be deemed of advantage to the Society. Each State Society shall, in the month of January in each year, pay to the Treasurer General a per capita amount of fifty cents, calculated upon the total membership of all classes in each State Society, with a minimum payment of \$25.00 from any State Society.

ARTICLE VII. POWERS OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY.

The General Society shall have sole power of action in the National, as distinguished from the State, affairs of the Society. By a plurality

vote of the General Assembly, the surrender of the Charter of a State Society may be demanded, provided investigation shall have shown the action to be necessary for the welfare of the Society at large. The General Assembly shall have power to grant a charter for a State Society in a State other than those in which the Society is already organized, provided that at least nine persons duly qualified for membership apply for a charter. It shall issue the insignia and the certificate of membership. It shall publish the Yearbook with the coöperation of the several State Societies, and the cost shall be defrayed by the State Societies in proportion to their membership.

GENERAL COUNCIL.

The General Council shall be composed of the General Officers, and shall include the Governors General upon their retirement from office as hereinafter provided, and those General Officers, excluding Deputy Governors General, who have been members of the General Council for nine years or more. General Officers representing five State Societies shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The General Council shall exercise the powers of the General Society, except the powers of demanding State charters and of amending the Constitution, between meetings of the General Assembly, to which latter body it shall regularly report its transactions. The General Council shall have power itself or through committees appointed or authorized by it to be appointed to hear and determine appeals from decisions of the Registrar General as to descent or eligibility. A meeting of the General Council or of a Committee properly appointed shall be called by the Governor General within one month after receipt of an appeal from a decision of the Registrar General.

ARTICLE VIII.

GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The Governor General, the Vice-Governor General, or in their absence a duly selected chairman, shall preside at General Assemblies and at meetings of the General Council. The Governor General shall, upon his retirement from office, become a life member of the General Council with the title of Honorary Governor General.

VICE-GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The Vice-Governor General shall perform the duties of the Governor General in case of the death, absence from the country, or inabil-

ity of the Governor General to act, and shall assist the Governor General in the performance of his duties.

ARTICLE IX.

SECRETARY GENERAL.

The Secretary General shall be keeper of the Great Seal of the Society, and of the General Society's flag. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and keep a record thereof. He shall have charge of the printing and of the publications of the Society. He shall give due notice of the time and place of meetings of the General Assembly and of the General Council, and shall keep full record of their proceedings.

DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL.

The Deputy Secretary General shall perform the duties of the Secretary General in case of the death, absence from the country, or inability of the Secretary General to act, and shall assist the Secretary General in the performance of his duties.

ARTICLE X.

TREASURER GENERAL.

The Treasurer General shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society, and deposit and invest them under the direction of the General Council. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums as may be ordered by the General Council. He shall keep a full account of his receipts and payments, and at each General Assembly, or when required by the General Council, shall render an account of the same. He shall be custodian of the dies of the insignia and of the plate of the certificate of membership, and shall issue the insignia, certificates, and rosettes when properly requisitioned. For the faithful performance of his duty he may be required to give such security as the General Council may deem proper.

DEPUTY TREASURER GENERAL.

The Deputy Treasurer General shall perform the duties of the Treasurer General in case of the death, absence from the country, or inability of the Treasurer General to act, and shall assist the Treasurer General in the performance of his duties.

ARTICLE XI.
REGISTRAR GENERAL.

Each State Society shall file with the Registrar General a duplicate original of each application for membership received and approved by it and of each approved supplemental application. The Registrar General shall be the custodian of all such applications and all documents which the General Society may acquire relating to the descent or eligibility of its member or applicants for membership, and shall keep such records and indexes thereof as may be found necessary. He shall pass upon each application, original or supplemental, as to the services of the ancestor and correctness of descent, subject to appeal from his decisions to the General Council, as herein provided. It shall be his duty to present to the General Council or its Committees any case when the proofs of eligibility or descent in a member's application are deemed defective. He shall keep a record of all certificates of membership signed by him.

ARTICLE XII.
HISTORIAN GENERAL.

The Historian General shall keep a detailed record of all historical and commemorative celebrations of the General Society, as well as its necrology.

ARTICLE XIII.
CHAPLAIN GENERAL.

The Chaplain General shall be an ordained minister of a Christian Church; it shall be his duty to officiate when called upon by the proper officers.

ARTICLE XIV.
CHANCELLOR GENERAL.

The Chancellor General shall be a lawyer duly admitted to the bar; it shall be his duty to give legal opinions on matters affecting the Society when called upon by the proper officers.

ARTICLE XV.
SURGEON GENERAL.

The Surgeon General shall be a practising physician.

ARTICLE XVI.

GREAT SEAL.

The Great Seal of the General Society shall be: Within a beaded Annulet, a title scroll, "1607, General Society of Colonial Wars, 1775;" and in the base the motto: "Fortiter Pro Patria," surrounding diaper charged with nine mullets. Over all a shield, surmounted of the crown, bearing American Colonial seals quarterly of nine: I. VIRGINIA: Argent, a cross gules between four escutcheons each regally crowned proper, the first and fourth escutcheons France and England quarterly; second escutcheon, Scotland; third, Ireland: II. NEW YORK: Argent, a beaver bendways proper, on a bordure tenny, a belt of wampum of the first: III. MASSACHUSETTS: Azure, on a mount between two pine trees vert, an Indian affronte or, belted with leaves of the second, holding in his dexter hand an arrow paleways, point downwards, and in his sinister hand a bow paleways, of the third; upon a scroll proper, issuing from his mouth, the legend, "Come over and help us." IV. NEW HAMPSHIRE: Quarterly, first and fourth grand quarter of France and England; second, Scotland; third, Ireland; over all an escutcheon of pretence; azure billetee or, a lion rampant of the second, for Nassau. V. CONNECTICUT: Argent, a dexter hand issuing out of clouds in dexter chief, holding a double scroll proper, fesseways, bearing the legend, "Sustinet qui transtulit;" in base fifteen grape-vines, six, five, four, leaved and fructed proper. VI. MARYLAND: Quarterly, first and fourth paly of six or and sable, a bend counterchanged, for Calvert; second and third, per fesse and per pale argent and gules, a cross bottony counterchanged, for Crossland (seal of Lord Baltimore). VII. RHODE ISLAND: Azure, an anchor in pale or. VIII. NEW JERSEY: Quarterly, first, England impaling Scotland; second, France; third, Ireland; fourth, per pale and per chevron; first, gules two lions passant guardant in pale or, for Brunswick; second, or, semée of hearts, a lion rampant azure, for Lunenburgh; third, gules, a horse courant argent, for Westphalia; over all an inescutcheon gules, charged with the crown of Charlemagne. IX. PENNSYLVANIA: Argent, on a fesse sable, three plates (Arms of Penn).

ARTICLE XVII.

INSIGNIA.

The insignia of the Society shall consist of a badge, pendant by a gold crown and ring from a watered silk ribbon one inch and a half

wide, of red, bordered with white and edged with red. The badge shall be surrounded by a laurel wreath in gold and shall consist of:

Obverse: A white enameled star of nine points bordered with red enamel, having between the points nine shields, each displaying an emblem of one of the nine original colonies; and, within a blue enameled garter bearing the motto: "Fortiter Pro Patria," an Indian's head in gold relieveo.

Reverse: The star above described, but with gold edge, each shield between the points displaying a mullet, and in the center, within an annulet of blue, bearing the title "Society of Colonial Wars, 1607-1775," the figure of a colonial soldier in gold relieveo. The reverse of the crown of each badge shall bear an engraved number, corresponding to that of the registered number of the member to whom such insignia have been issued.

The insignia shall be worn by the members on any occasion when they assemble for a stated purpose or celebration, and may be worn on any occasion of ceremony. It shall be worn conspicuously on the left breast. Members who are or have been officers of a State Society, including Gentlemen of the Council, may wear the badge with three jewels in the crown suspended from a regulation ribbon around the neck. Members who are or have been officers of the General Society may wear a sash (ribbon) of the Society's colors, three and one-half inches in width, extending from the right shoulder to the left hip, with the badge pendant at the intersection of its ends over the hip. The insignia shall be worn only as prescribed in this Article, and in accordance with regulations adopted from time to time by the General Council.

A rosette or button of the size now in use, or of a miniature size, of red watered silk with white thread edging may be worn on occasions other than formal in the upper buttonhole of the left lapel of the coat, provided it be not worn with other insignia of the Society.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Certificate of membership shall bear the following words:

GENERAL SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS

To All Whom It May Concern:

Greeting: Know ye, this is to certify that on the.....day of, in the year of our Lord....., and in the

year of this Society the..... Gentleman, was duly elected an Hereditary Member of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of..... by right of his descent from

In Witness Whereof: We have hereunto signed our names and affixed the great Seal of the General Society.

....., Governor General.

....., Secretary General.

....., Registrar General.

The design for the certificate, subject to change from time to time by the General Council, shall be as follows:

Bordering the top and left side of the certificate of membership shall be an ornamental scroll-work containing within the initial letter "G" of "General Society," a representation of Captain Myles Standish and a band of Colonial soldiery; the initial surmounted by the imperial crown of the British Empire, and having below it the motto of the Society. Ranged along the scroll shall be shields bearing the arms of the original nine colonies as emblazoned in the Great Seal of the Society; and around these shall be emblems of Colonial warfare, with the flags of Sweden and of the New Netherland, and with the rose, thistle, shamrock, and corn-flower badges respectively of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Germany. At the center at the top shall be a cluster of Indian weapons and the head of a Sachem charged upon the fleur-de-lis of France.

ARTICLE XIX.

FLAG.

The flag of this Society shall consist of the red cross of St. George on a white field, bearing in the center the escutcheon of the General Society surmounted by the crown and surrounded by nine stars.

ARTICLE XX.

STATE SECRETARIES.

The General Society may appoint State Secretaries in States where no State Societies exist, to represent the interests of this Society, and, if authorized so to do, to arrange for the organization of new State Societies. These State Secretaries shall be subject to the direction and regulation of the General Council. Their appointment shall be for a

limited time, not to exceed three years, but may be renewed. They may be removed for cause, and their office shall terminate upon the organization of, and grant of charters to, Societies in their States. They shall communicate with and receive communications from the Society through the Secretary General.

ARTICLE XXI. MEMBERS OF STATE SOCIETIES.

The General Council shall elect to membership only charter members of new State Societies. They shall *ipso facto* become members of their State Societies with the grant of their Charters. No State Society shall elect to membership persons resident within the territory of another State Society, except upon written consent given in advance by the Council of the latter. But members changing residence from one State to another, or coming within the jurisdiction of a new State Society, may at their option retain membership in the State Societies by which they were originally admitted.

A member of any State Society may be admitted to membership by action of the Council of another State Society, upon satisfactory proof of his membership in good standing in a State Society and on conforming to the rules and regulations of the Society he enters. His membership in the first Society shall not be invalidated by such subsequent election.

ARTICLE XXII. ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Alterations of or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed only by the Council of a State Society, or by the General Council. The Secretary General shall send a printed copy of the proposed amendment to each State Society, naming the time when and place where it will be voted upon, at least ninety days before action is to be taken. Whenever an amendment is under consideration in the General Assembly, it shall be open to modification or change germane to the purpose of the amendment. No such change or modification shall be made, nor shall any amendment to this Constitution be adopted, unless the same shall receive the votes of two-thirds of the members of the General Assembly present when the vote is taken.

SCHEDULE B.

RULES

REGULATING THE PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY AND DESCENT AND CONSTRUING THE MEMBER- SHIP SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY.

1. The correctness of statements as to eligibility and pedigree must be proved by reference to original sources or to authoritative works containing quotations from or references to such sources and by certified or sworn copies of records and documents in conformity with these rules.
2. Public or family tradition alone will not be accepted as proof.
3. Public records must be proved by duly certified or sworn copies. Documents not public records must be proved by sworn copies or facsimile reproductions.
4. References to records or printed books must clearly indicate the citation and give title or description, and volume and page and the edition if there is more than one.
5. Where eligibility is claimed based upon military service, it is necessary to show membership in an organized military unit. Service cannot be presumed because of military titles used in Probate or Registry Records or on Tombstones or the like. Claims based on alleged service in the Plymouth Companies, so-called, of 1643 will not be accepted merely because the ancestor's name appears on the lists given in the Plymouth Records, Pierce's Colonial Lists, Bodge, etc., as such lists are merely lists of men between the ages of sixteen and sixty able to do military duty, and not rosters of organized Military Companies. It is not sufficient to show that an ancestor was "killed by

the Indians;” it is incumbent on the applicant to show that the ancestor was qualified under the eligibility clauses of the Constitution.

6. Where a claim is based on service in the British Forces, applicant must show that the British unit participated with the forces of the Colonies in military duties or that the Colonies raised troops to take part in the War in which the British troops engaged. It is not sufficient to show only that the ancestor was in the British military or naval service.

7. The expression “Governor’s Council of New Jersey” is to be construed to include those persons associated with the Governor in the government of the Province or Colony as a Council. Membership in the Council of the Proprietors does not constitute eligibility.

8. The terms “Governor,” “Lieutenant Governor” and “Deputy Governor,” are to be construed to include only the Officers with those titles of the thirteen colonies that united to form the United States and not officials of settlements or portions of colonies, such as Nantucket or Martha’s Vineyard, that had local officers sometimes called by these names.

9. The term “Lord Proprietor” is to be construed to apply to such Proprietors as William Penn and Lord Baltimore who were equivalent to Governors in the Charter and Royal Colonies, and not to the Patroons or Lords of the Manor, so-called in New York, or other colonies. The term Lord Proprietor in New Jersey is to be construed to include all those persons who were proprietors until the surrender of the right of government to the Crown in 1702.

10. The term “Commissioner” is to be construed to apply only to the Commissioners to the United Colonies of

New England, and does not include Indian or other Commissioners appointed in New York and other colonies.

11. The expression "Legislative Body" includes only a body having authority to make laws and does not include Conventions or other bodies having power only to protest or remonstrate. The Twelve Men, the Eight Men and the Nine Men of New Amsterdam will not be accepted as qualifying ancestors.





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